



## What are the eight components of youth ministry?

1. **Evangelization:** – Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus through word and witness in our everyday life.
2. **Community Life:** – Creating an atmosphere in our parish that is welcoming, comfortable, safe and predictable – one in which all teens know that their presence is welcomed, their energy is appreciated and their contributions are valued.
3. **Leadership Development:** – Calling forth, affirming, empowering and training adults and young people to use their diverse gifts, talents and abilities.
4. **Catechesis:** – Echoing the Word of God and passing on the Catholic tradition (as a way of expressing the Christian faith) to others so that they can grow and mature in *their* faith.
5. **Prayer and Worship:** Honoring, praising, and communicating with God. Offering God the gift of ourselves through the Mass, the sacraments, prayers and prayer services.
6. **Justice and Service:** The call to work for justice; to serve those in need; to pursue peace; and to defend the life, dignity and rights of all our sisters and brothers born and unborn.
7. **Pastoral Care:** The call to be a compassionate presence in imitation of Jesus' care of all people, especially those who are hurting and in need.
8. **Advocacy:** Empowering young people and their families to speak for those who cannot speak.